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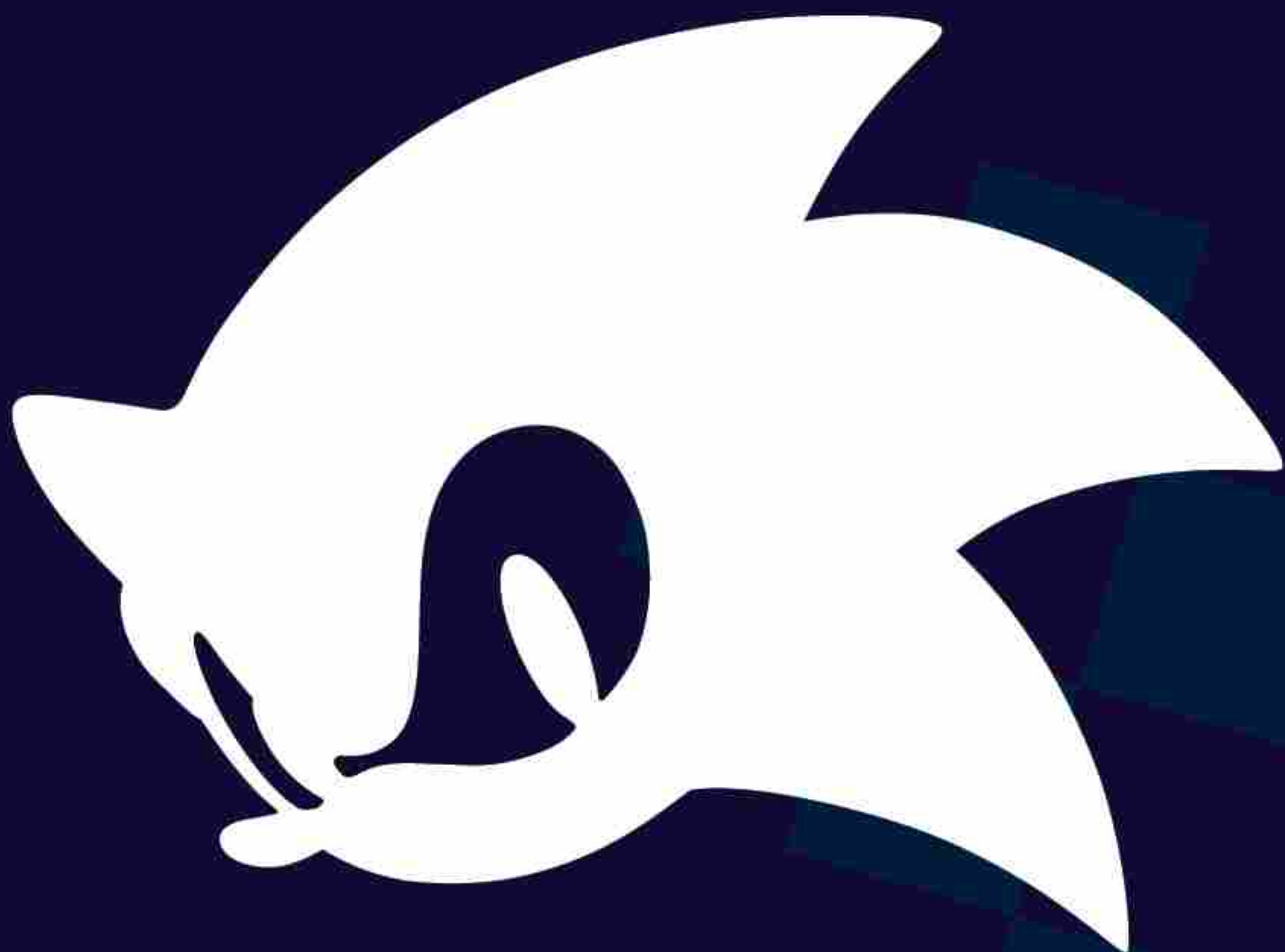
THE HEDGEHOG



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Valley!
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STORY SO FAR



PLEASE ALLOW ME TO EXPLAIN. IN THE PAST, THE RESTORATION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON REBUILDING AND HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS.

LANOLIN HAS MADE A CASE ON HOW WE CAN EXPAND.

WE'RE BUILDING A RAPID-RESPONSE TEAM TO BOTH PROTECT PEOPLE AND TAKE THE INITIATIVE AGAINST ANY THREATS WE CAN DETECT.



WE HEARD ABOUT YOUR TIME IN DR. EGGMAN'S NEW BASE.

I WANT TO TAKE OUR TEAM IN, FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON THERE, AND PREPARE A WAY TO BRING IT DOWN.

AND WHILE ALL THREE OF THEM ARE QUITE CAPABLE, THIS IS DR. EGGMAN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

I WAS HOPING YOU'D LEND YOUR EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE TO THE MISSION.



I VOTE DIAMOND CUTTERS!

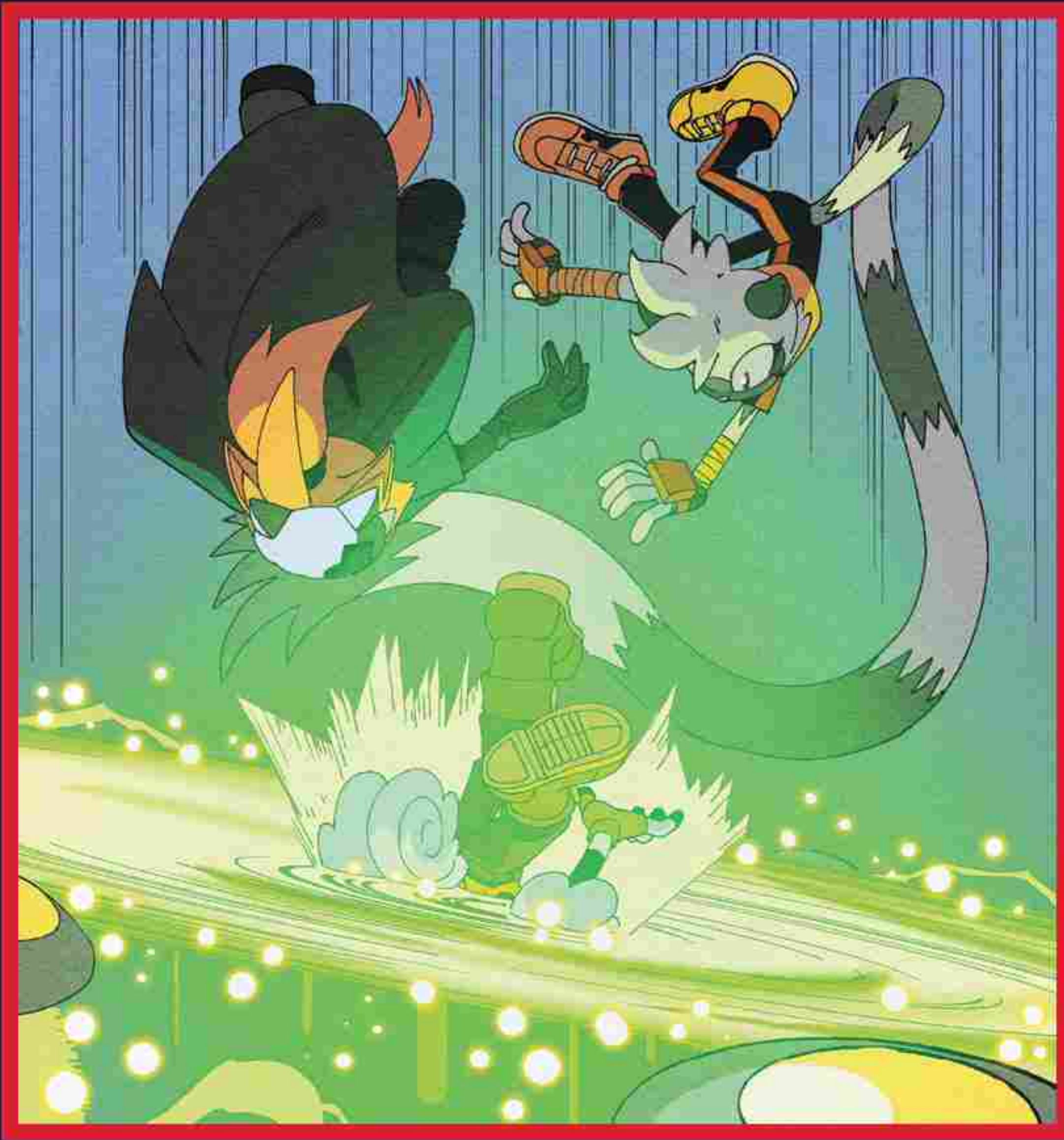


IT'S STRIP-MINING EVERYTHING UNDERNEATH IT! IT'S ALL BEING HOLLOWED OUT!

ALL THE MINERALS, NUTRIENTS, PLANT LIFE--GONE!



I GET IT. THE CITY WILL KEEP EXPANDING. IT WON'T STOP UNTIL EGGMAN'S PAVED OVER THE ENTIRE PLANET.



I DON'T SAY THIS OFTEN, BUT... I COULD USE SOME HELP.



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Diamond Cutter.



WHISPER THE WOLF

Silent Sniper.
Diamond Cutter.



LANOLIN THE SHEEP

Woolen Warrior.
Diamond Cutter.



AMY ROSE

Hammer-Swinging Heroine.
Restoration ally.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-Savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



SILVER THE HEDGEHOG

Young Psychic Hero.
Friend from the future.



BLAZE THE CAT

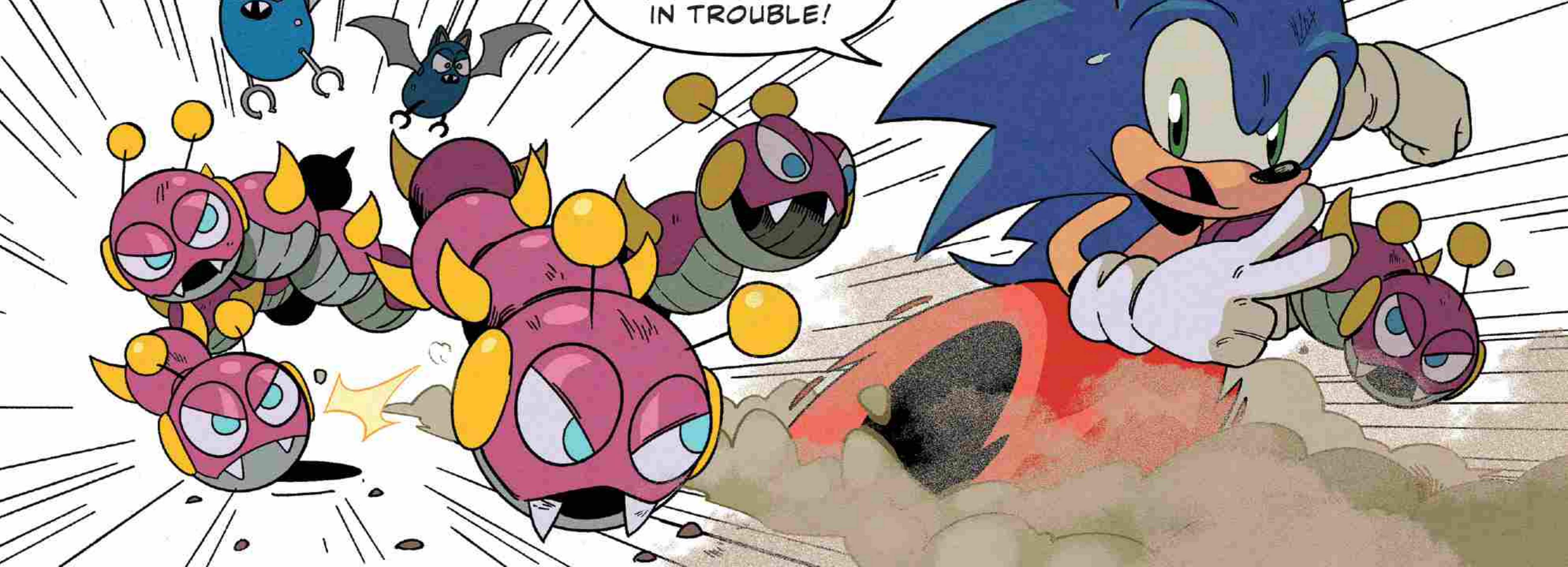
Fire-Powered Princess.
Friend from another dimension.

EGGPERIAL CITY.

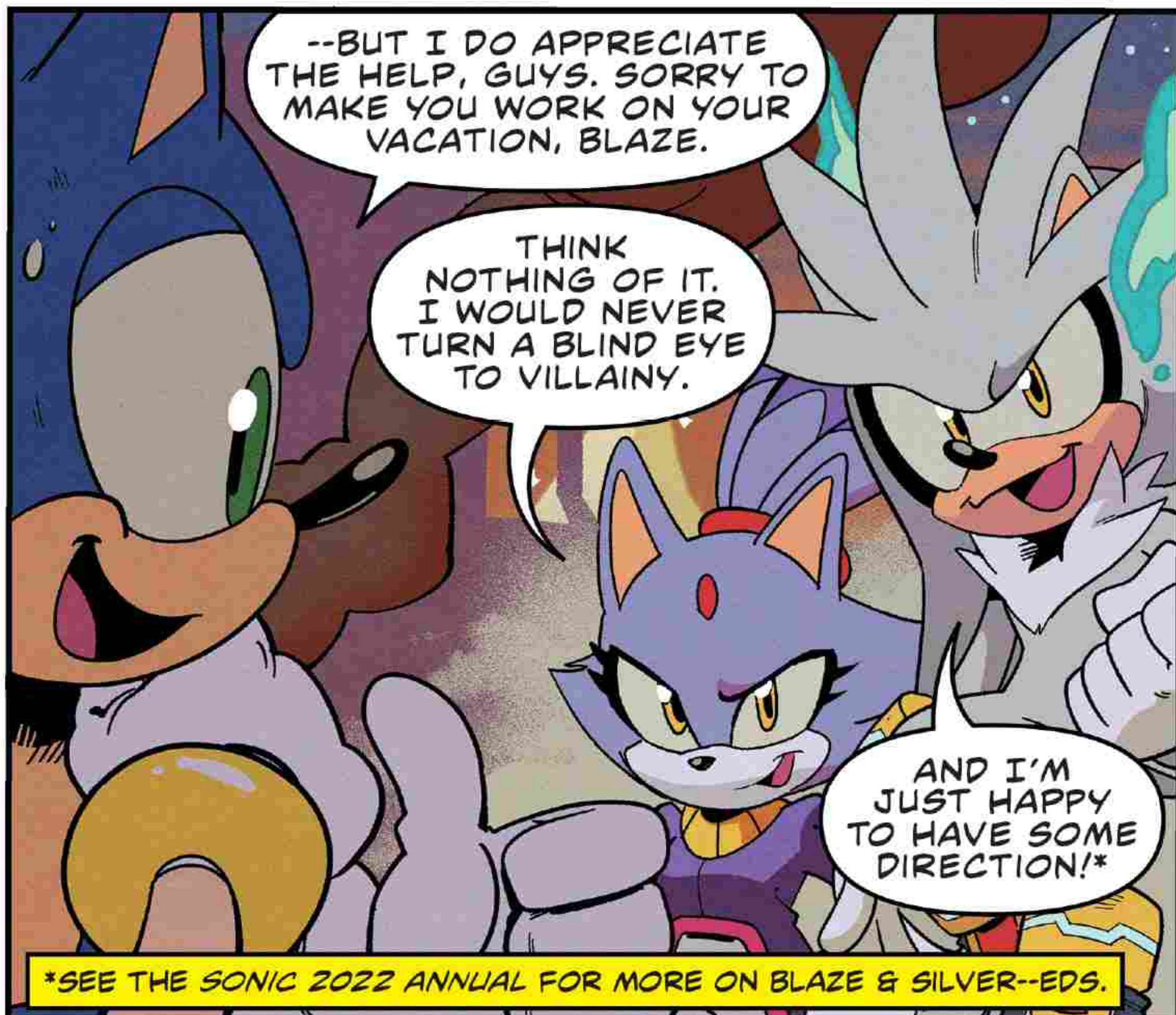


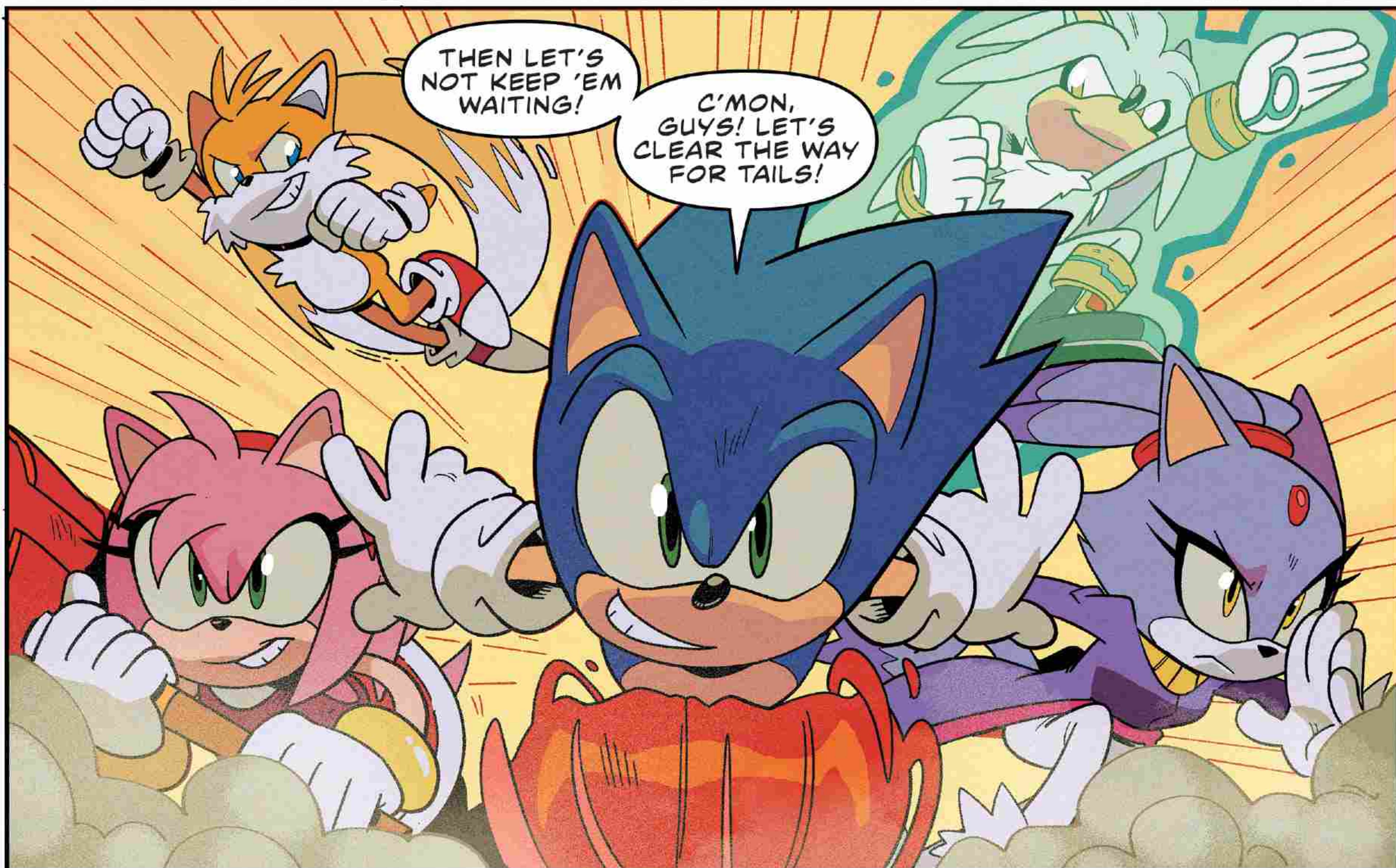
I KNOW
ATTACKING ME
IS KINDA YOUR
"THING..."

...BUT COULD
YOU GIVE ME
TWO MINUTES?!
MY FRIENDS ARE
IN TROUBLE!











NO!
COME BACK!
WE'RE
RIGHT
HERE!



RRRGH! WE
CAN'T FIGHT
BADNIKS! WE CAN'T
TALK TO ANYONE!
WALKING AROUND
FEELS LIKE I'M GONNA
FLOAT AWAY LIKE A
SOAP BUBBLE!

THIS SCI-FI
WHATEVER
STINKS!



C'MON,
BOSS LADY!
WE NEED A
PLAN!

I'M
NOT THE
BOSS.



SURE YOU ARE! YOU
ORGANIZED THE TEAM!
THIS WAS YOUR MISSION!
YOU'RE TOTALLY THE
TEAM LEADER!

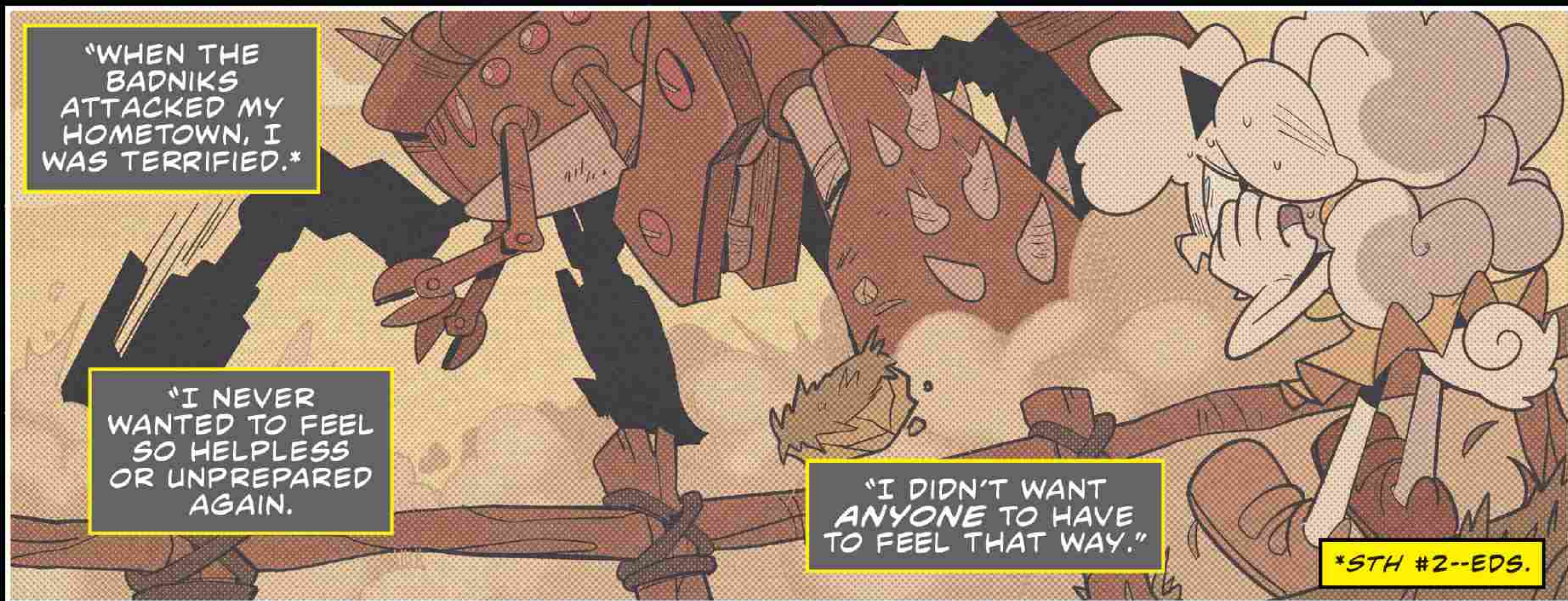
I CAN'T BE,
'CUZ...HAHA,
C'MON NOW, LET'S
BE SERIOUS. AND
WHISPER IS MORE
OF THE "COMPLETE
THE MISSION"
TYPE.



I DON'T
THINK I'M
CUT OUT
FOR THIS.

THEN...
WHY DID
YOU EVEN
FORM THE
TEAM?

...DESPERATION?



"WHEN THE
BADNIKS
ATTACKED MY
HOMETOWN, I
WAS TERRIFIED.*

"I NEVER
WANTED TO FEEL
SO HELPLESS
OR UNPREPARED
AGAIN.

"I DIDN'T WANT
ANYONE TO HAVE
TO FEEL THAT WAY."

*STH #2--EDS.



BUT NOW HERE WE ARE.
I'M NOT PREPARED TO
DEAL WITH THIS.

THIS
MISSION IS AN
UTTER FAILURE,
AND IT'S ALL
MY FAULT.

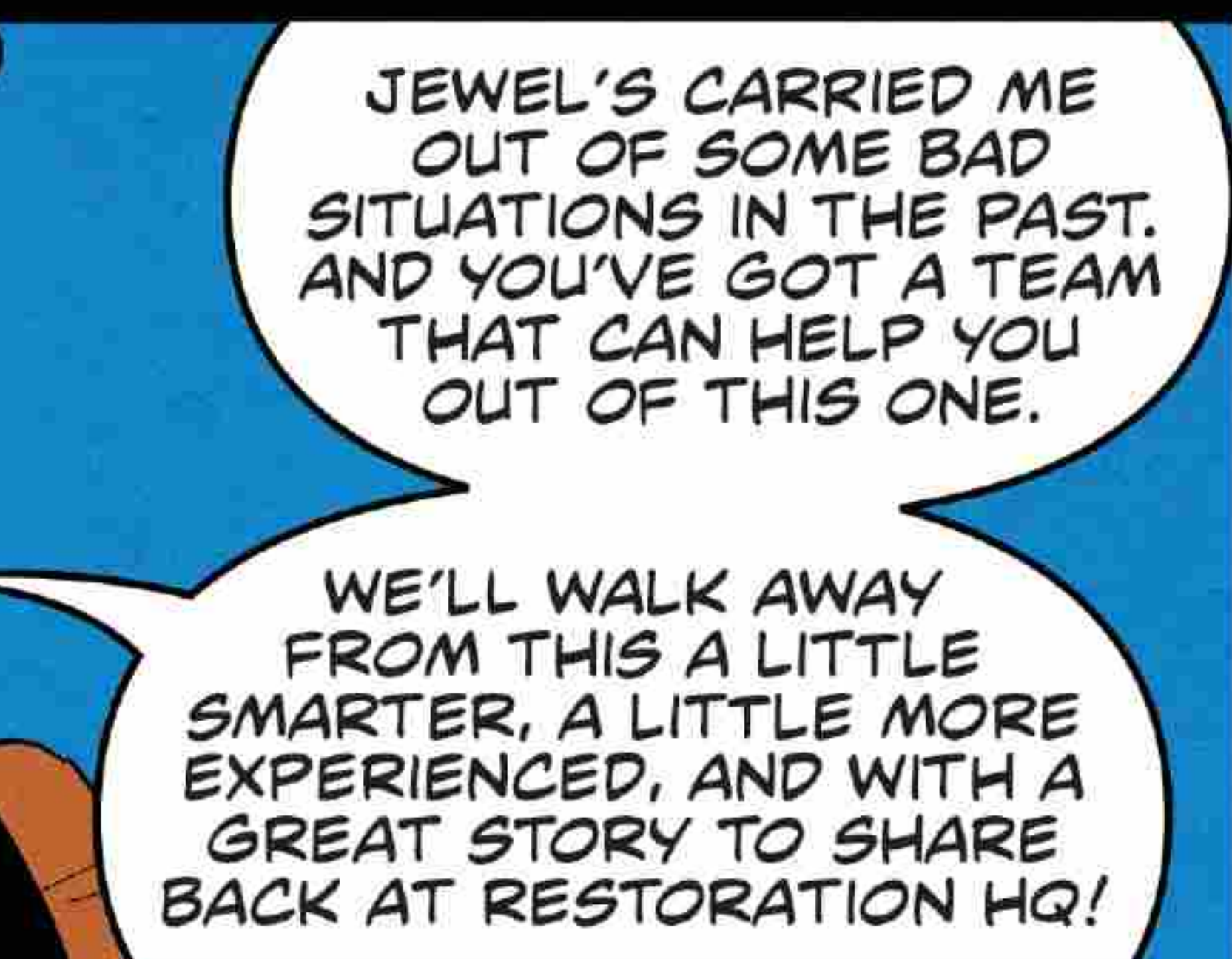


FIRST OFF, WE
FAILED TOGETHER!
IT WAS A TEAM
EFFORT!

STRANGELY,
THAT DOESN'T
MAKE ME FEEL
ANY BETTER.



SECONDLY, TAKE IT FROM SOMEONE
WHO'S SLING-SHOT HERSELF OFF A
CLIFF ONCE OR THRICE: IT'S OKAY
TO MAKE MISTAKES.



JEWEL'S CARRIED ME
OUT OF SOME BAD
SITUATIONS IN THE PAST.
AND YOU'VE GOT A TEAM
THAT CAN HELP YOU
OUT OF THIS ONE.

WE'LL WALK AWAY
FROM THIS A LITTLE
SMARTER, A LITTLE MORE
EXPERIENCED, AND WITH A
GREAT STORY TO SHARE
BACK AT RESTORATION HQ!



HOW CAN
YOU BE SO
SURE?

BECAUSE
WE'RE THE
DIAMOND
CLITTERS! WE
ARE AWESOME!
AND WE NEVER
GIVE UP!



RIGHT,
WHISPER?

WHY?





BUT YOU JUST GOT HERE...

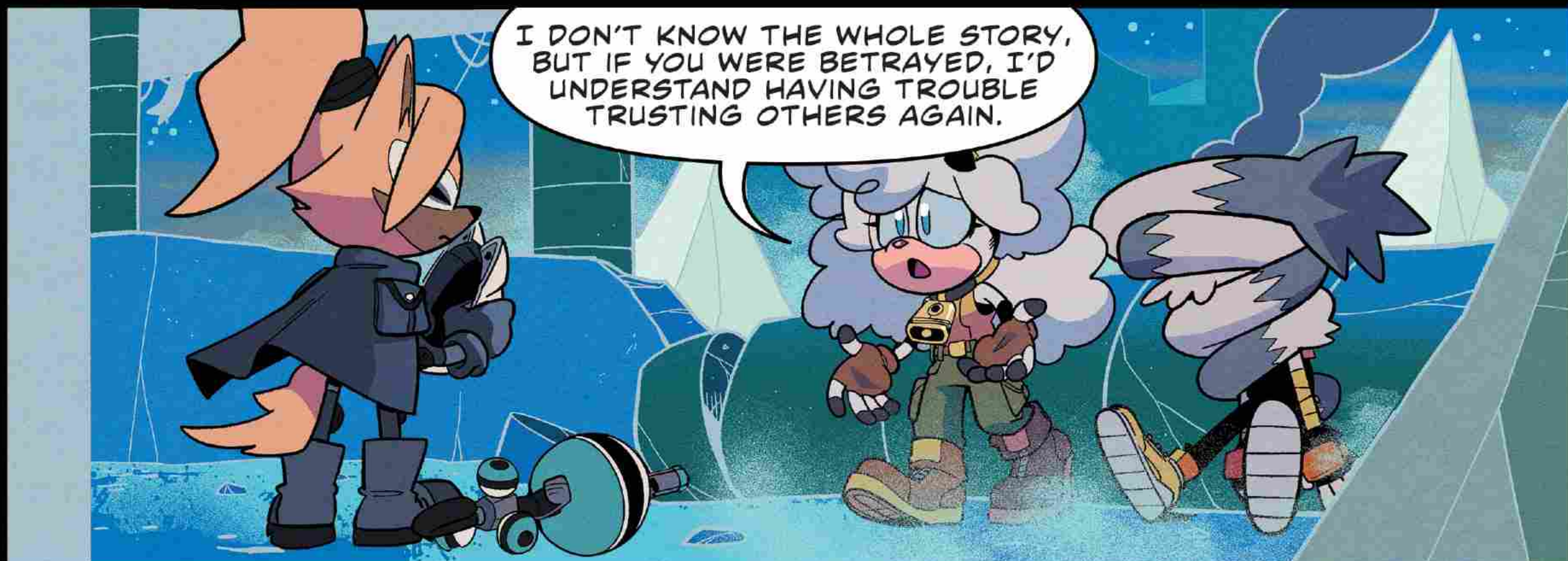
YOUR PLACE IS WITH THE RESTORATION. MINE ISN'T.

I NEED THEM BACK.

THANK YOU.

GET 'Well OON!





I DON'T KNOW THE WHOLE STORY, BUT IF YOU WERE BETRAYED, I'D UNDERSTAND HAVING TROUBLE TRUSTING OTHERS AGAIN.



NO. ONE PERSON HURT ME. ONE PERSON TOOK MY FRIENDS FROM ME. NOT YOU. NOT THE RESTORATION. JUST HIM.

I CAN'T LET HIM TAKE THIS FROM ME, TOO.

I CAN'T... I WON'T LET HIS FEAR POISON ME ANYMORE.



I... AM SORRY. I HAVE BEEN A BAD FRIEND AND A BAD TEAMMATE.

IT... WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO FULLY MOVE ON. MAY I ASK THAT YOU BE PATIENT WITH ME?



I CAN BE IF YOU'LL BE PATIENT WITH ME BEING BOSSY AND INEXPERIENCED.

NH HFF YHH
BH PHFSHN
WHHF MH
BHHN MH!



THANKS. I SAID--

I KNOW. I CAN. I WILL.



WE CAN
REMAIN THE
"DIAMOND
CUTTERS."

THEY WOULD
BE HONORED TO
HAVE INSPIRED US
TO CONTINUE
THEIR CAUSE.

THE
HONOR IS
ALL OURS.
THANK YOU.



YEAH! THE COOL FRIENDS
DOING WHAT'S RIGHT,
NO MATTER WHAT!



OKAY, BUT THERE'S GOING TO BE
A HARD LIMIT ON THE NUMBER
OF GROUP HUGS.

AGREED.

FINE.
THEN I'M
MAKING
THIS ONE
COUNT!



HOW WOULD
YOUR OLD
TEAM HANDLE
SOMETHING LIKE
THIS? WAS THERE
A CHAIN OF
COMMAND,
OR...

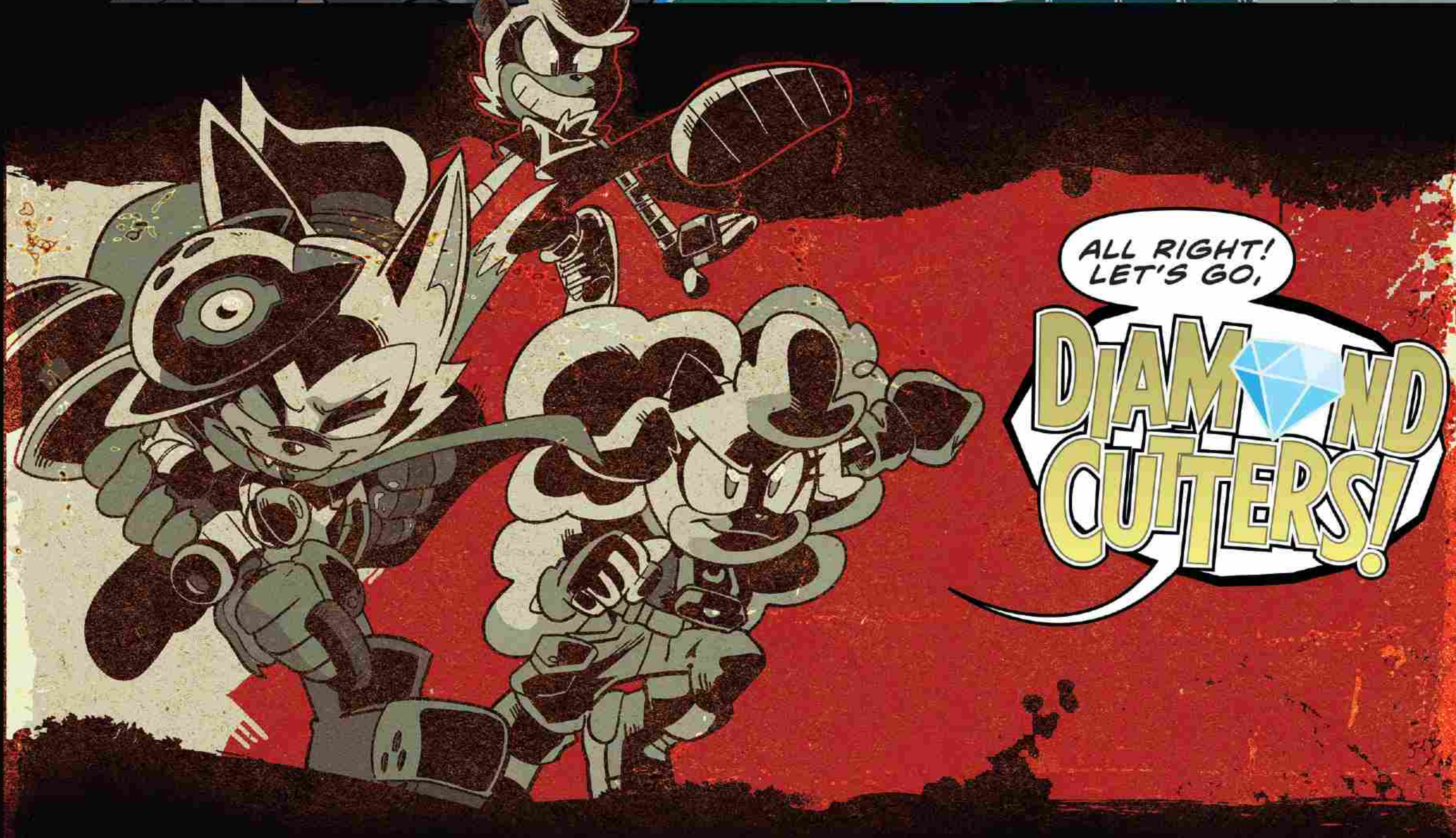
NO CHAIN.
WE RELIED ON
ONE ANOTHER'S
EXPERTISE. IN
THIS CASE...

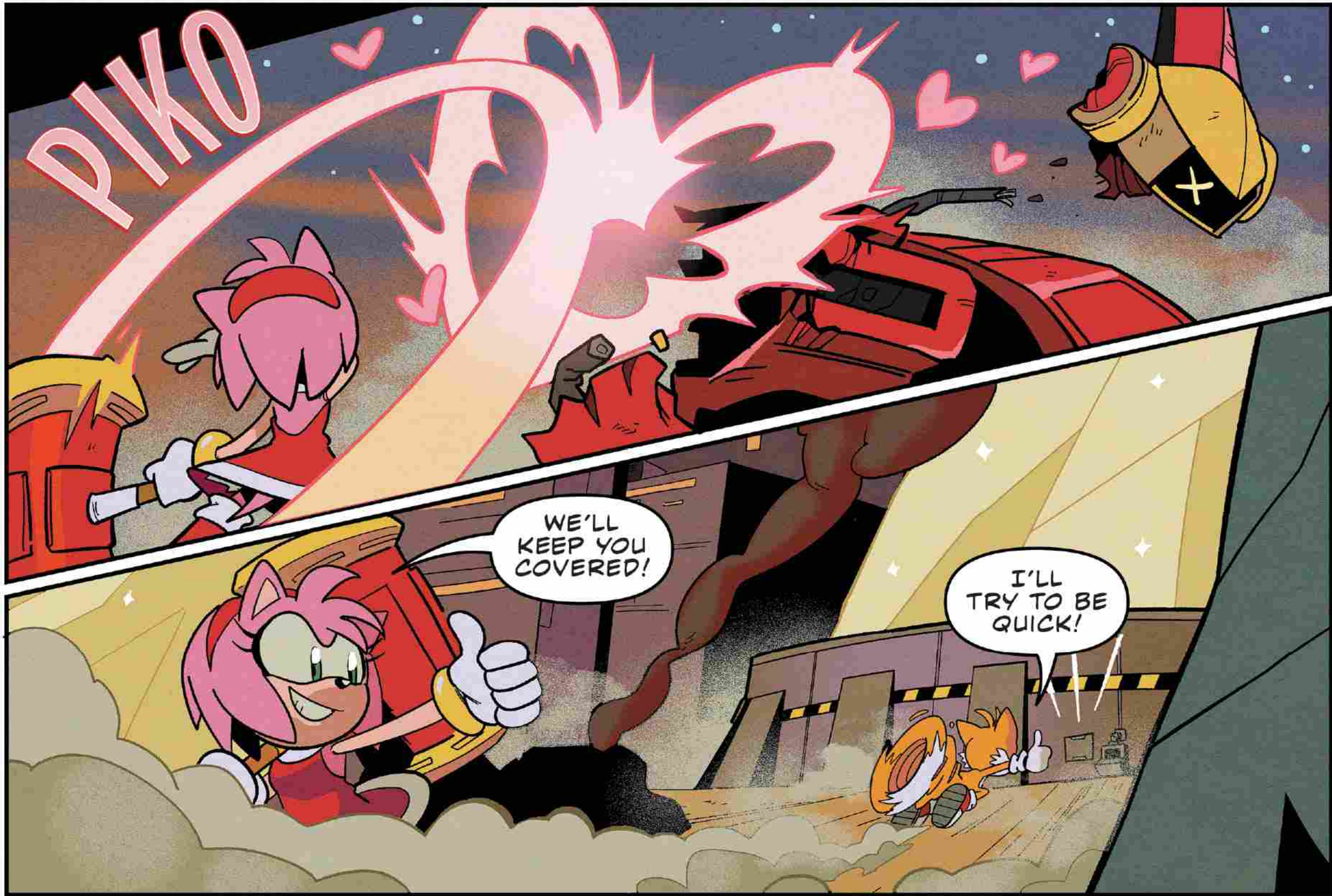
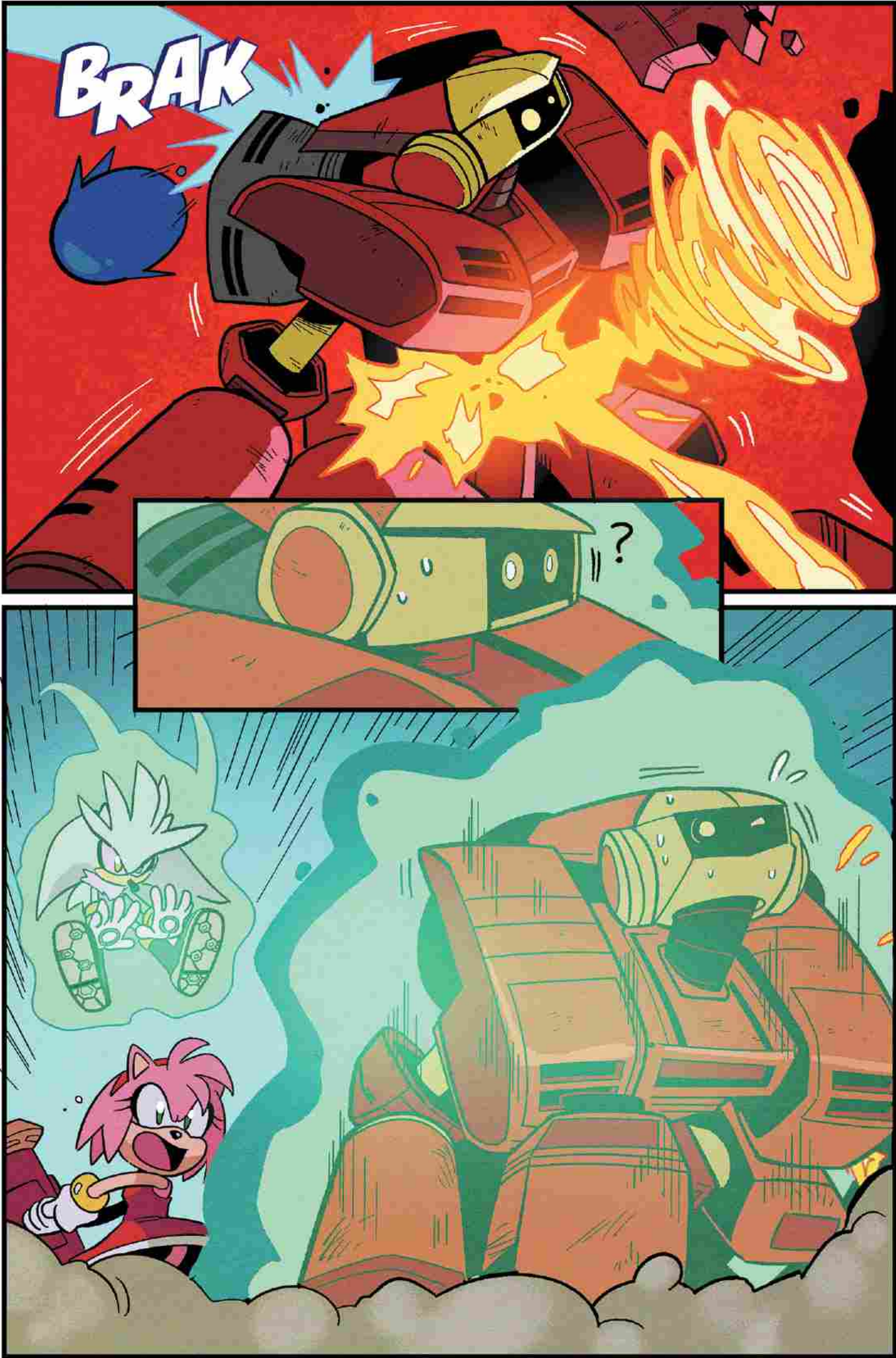


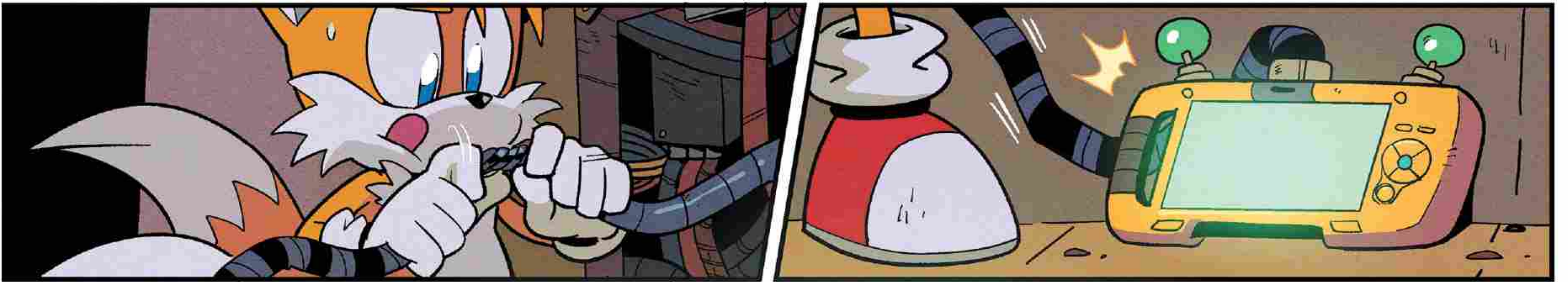
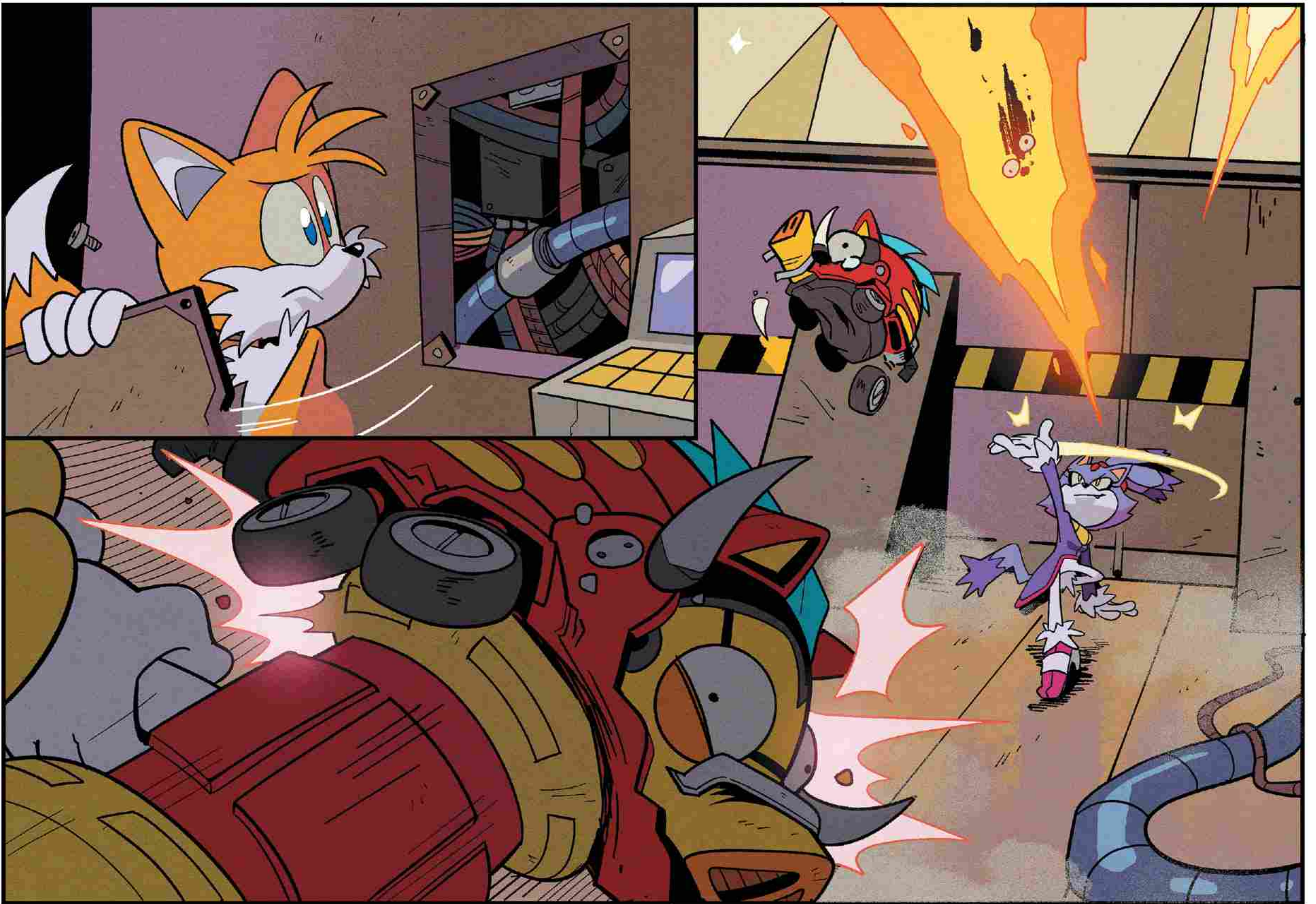
...WE'D ASK CLAIRE
FOR INSIGHT. IF SHE
SAW NOTHING, I'D BE
ASKED TO SCOUT
THE AREA.

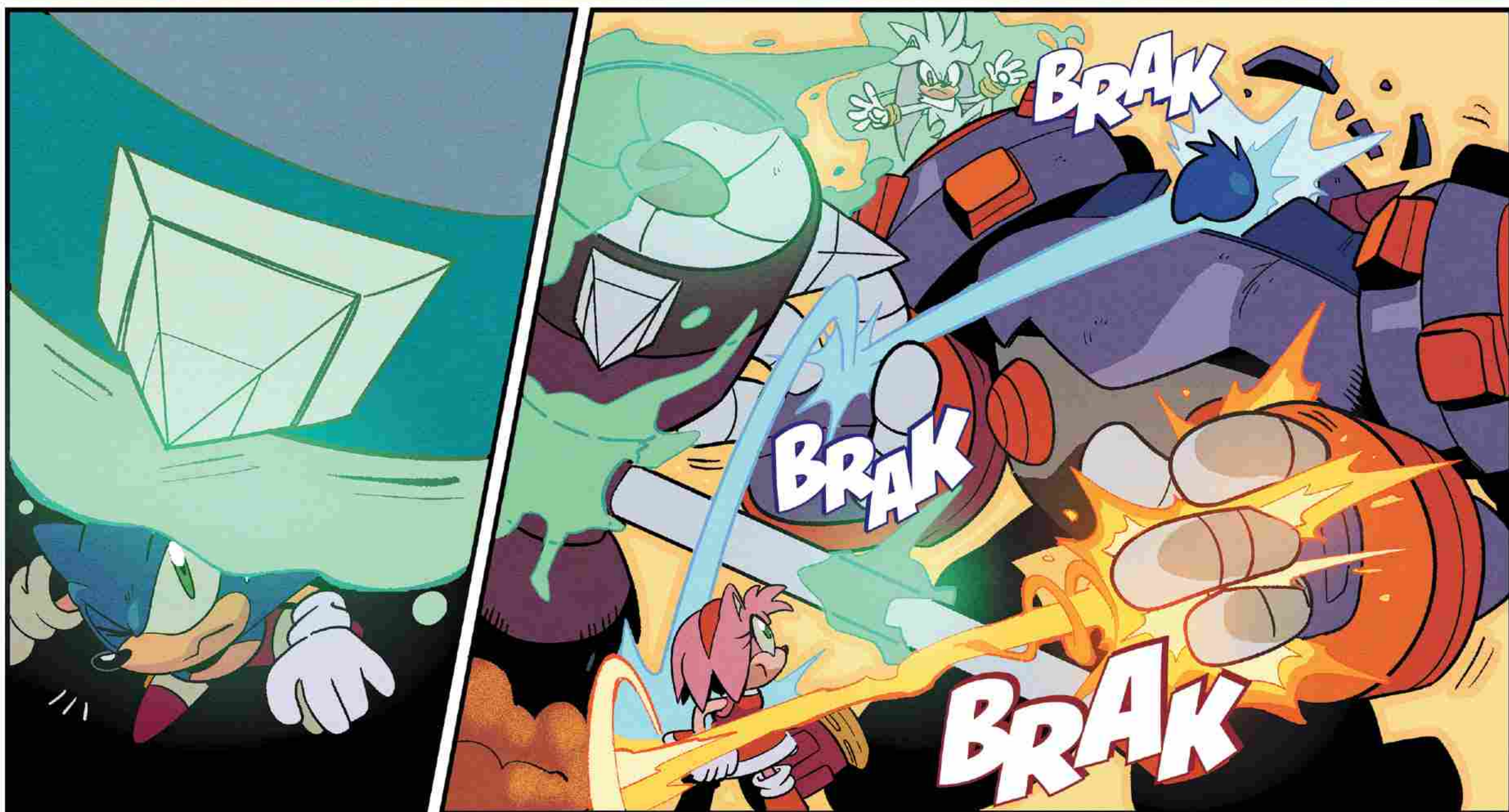
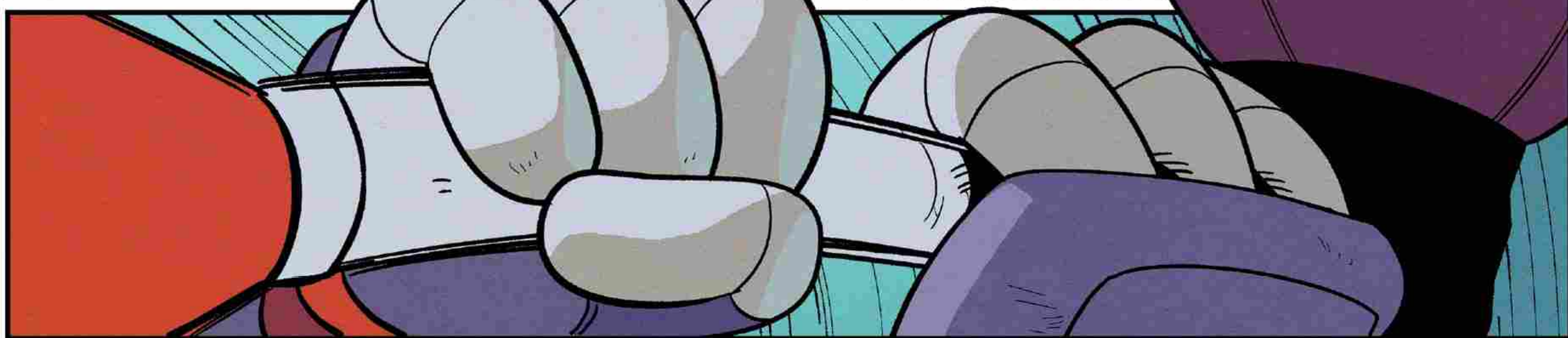
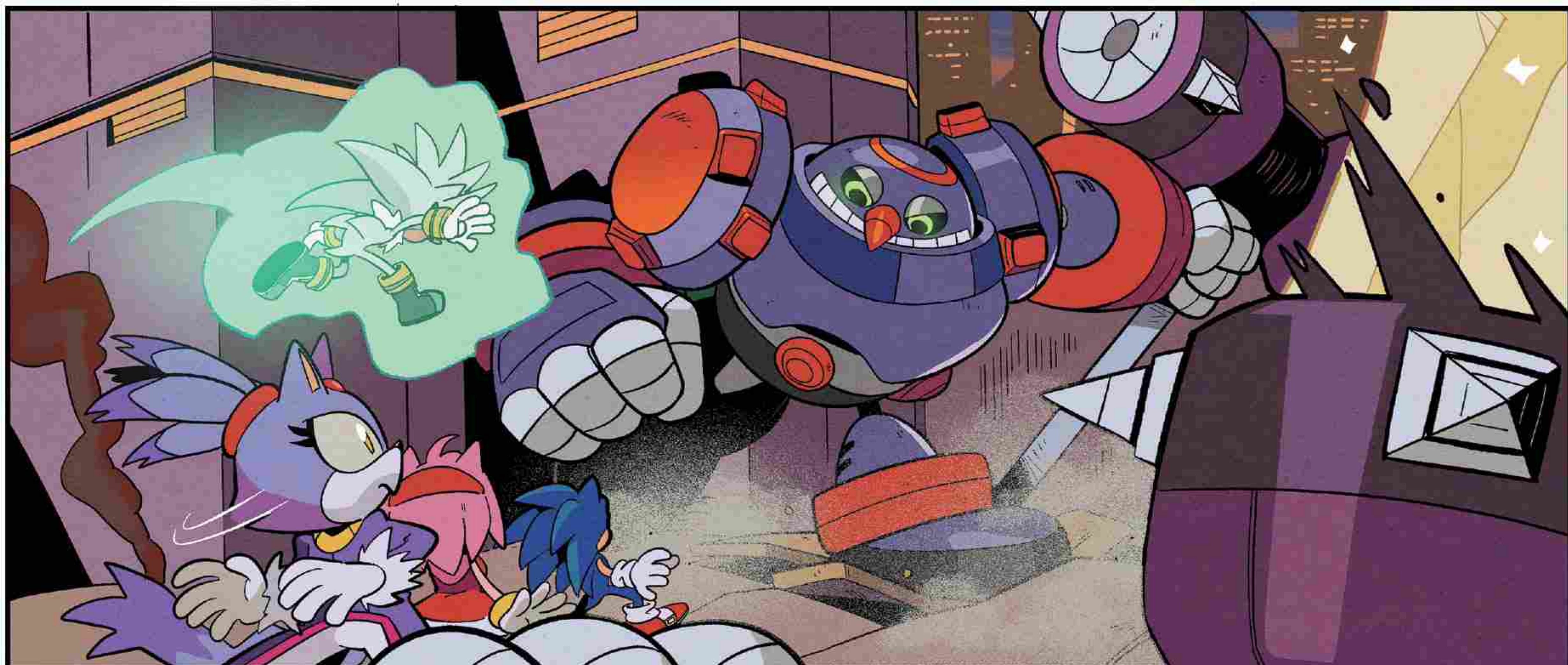
WELL, NONE
OF US ARE
PSYCHIC SO I
GUESS YOU'RE
SCOUTING
FOR US?

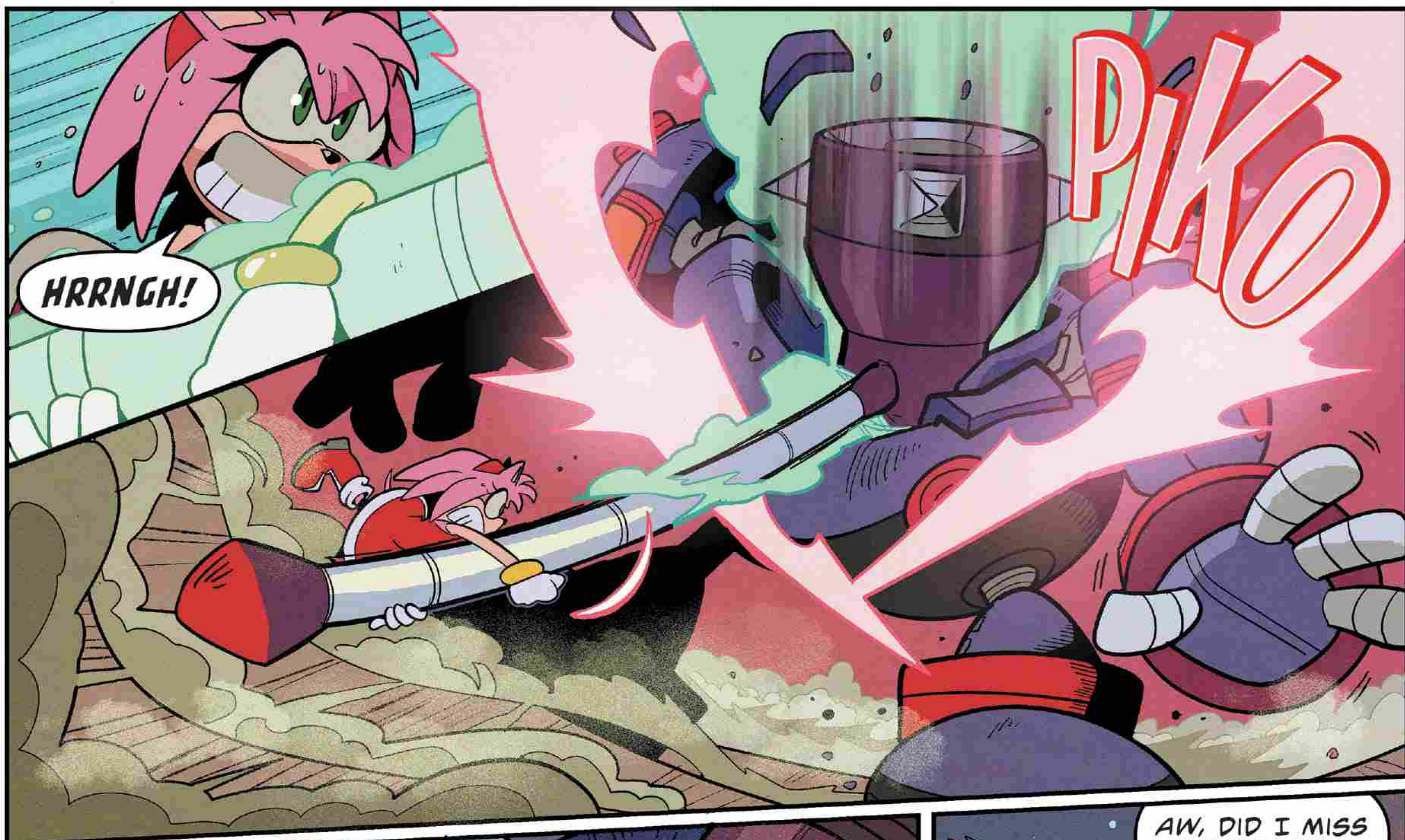
NO...
NOT JUST
WHISPER...













YES! THE GIANT CRYSTALS STICKING OUT ALL OVER THE CITY? THEY'RE ACTUALLY GIANT FAKE CHAOS EMERALDS!

THE DOCTOR CAN REPLICATE THEM THAT EASILY?



YES, BUT THEY'RE **CHEAP** REPLICAS.

THEY HAVE THE SAME WAVELENGTH AND PROPERTIES, BUT THEY'RE **WOEFULLY** UNDERPOWERED IN COMPARISON.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THEY'RE STILL MORE POTENT THAN THE CHAOS DRIVES AND POWER CORES HE'S USED IN HIS MACHINES IN THE PAST.



SO DID HE GROW THEM THIS BIG JUST TO BE GAUDY, OR...

IT'S TO INCREASE THEIR POWER OUTPUT. EVENTUALLY, IT JUSTIFIES THE COST OF CREATING THEM BUT AT A TREMENDOUS COST TO THE ENVIRONMENT.



GOT IT. BUST THE CRYSTALS, BUST THE CITY. LET'S GO GET THAT HAMMER AGAIN.

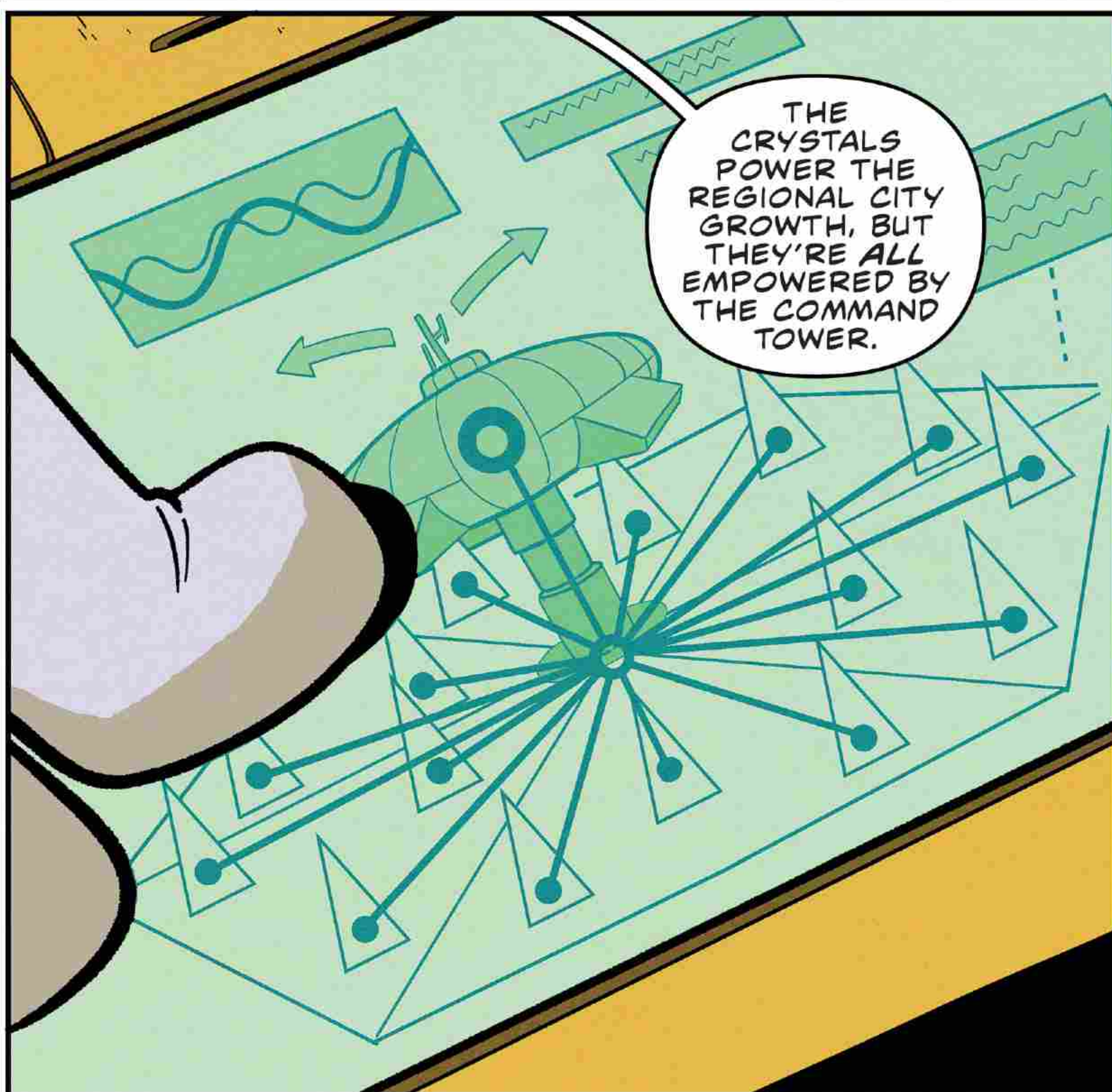
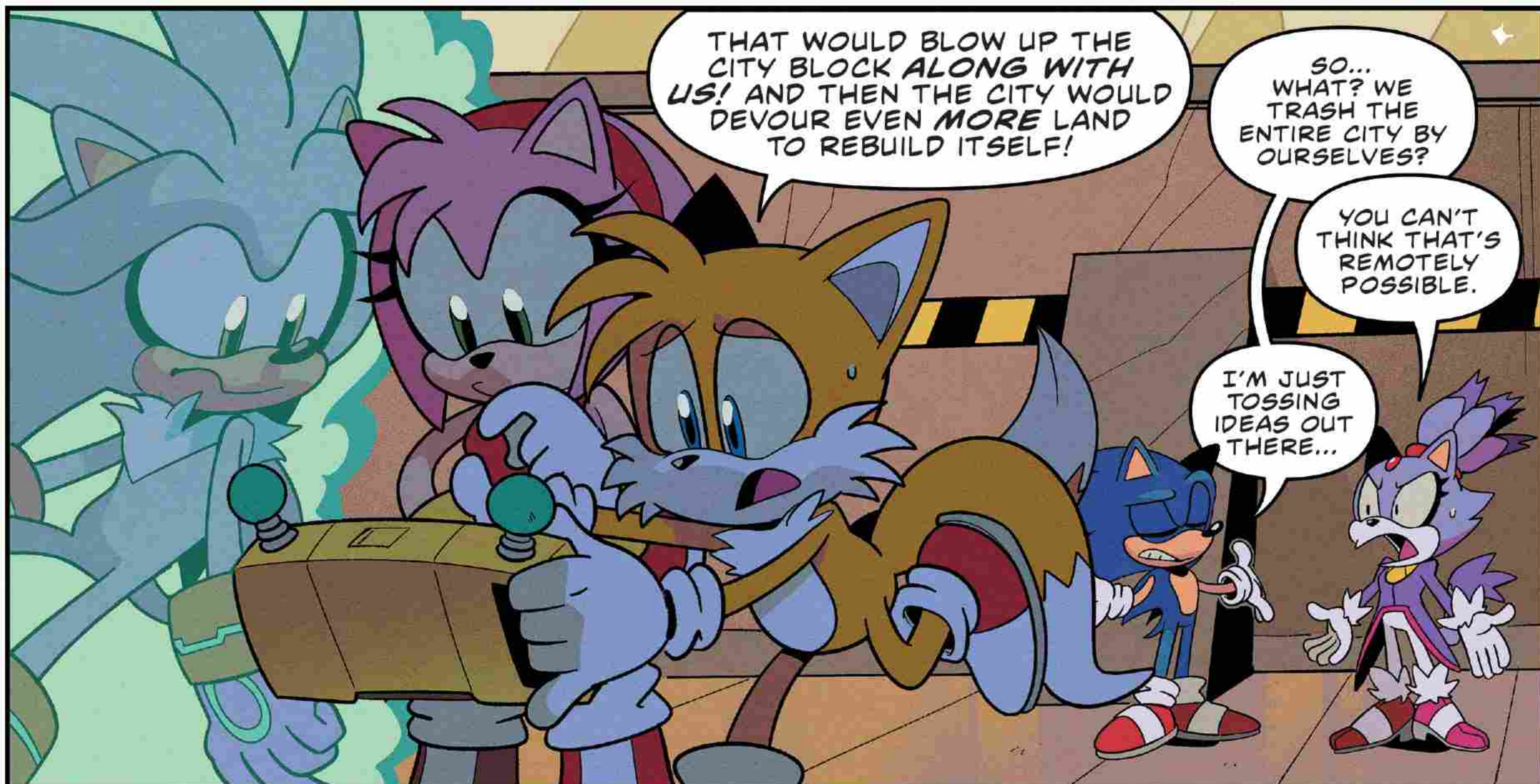
OOH! CAN I DO IT MYSELF THIS TIME?

SURE. I'M STILL CATCHING MY BREATH.



NO, NO, NO! THAT'S A BAD IDEA!

HONESTLY... SHATTERING SOMETHING AS POWERFUL AS AN EMERALD? WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?







**NEXT TIME:
TEAM DARK JOINS
THE FRAY!**



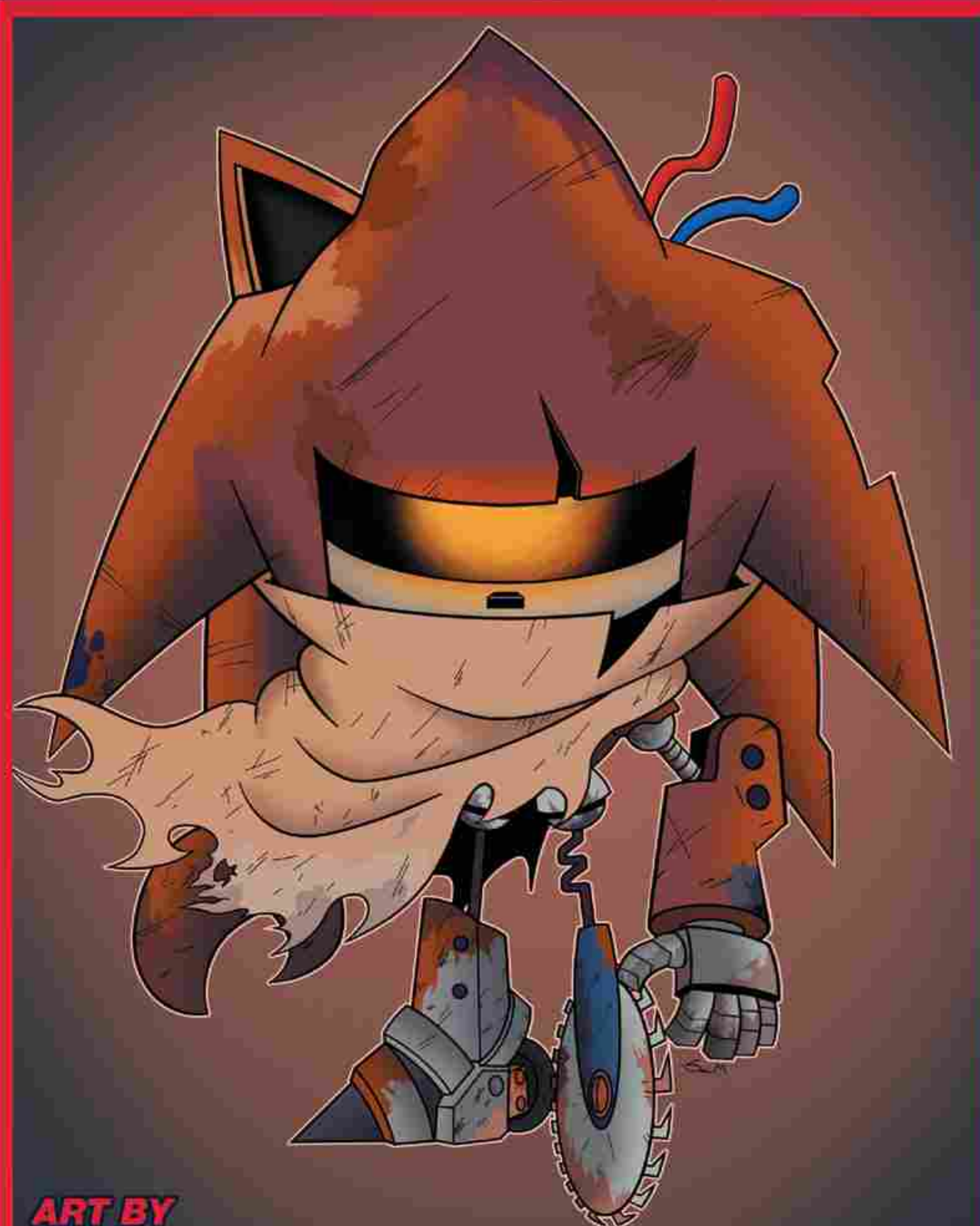
NEXT MONTH



THP
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DEE
GEE
MIN

SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD



**Waves* Hello, Sonic Squad! More help is on the way! We're running out of room in our roll call... Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Thomas Rothlisberger, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee for issue #58! Now, let's take a look at your art and letters!*

Hey! My name is Bradley, and right now I'm 17, studying art and design at college. I've been a fan of *Sonic* for as long as I can remember, and Yuji Uekawa's awesome art is probably what got me into drawing! I've attached a drawing that I'm super proud of. I'm sure the shonen influence won't be lost! These IDW comics are absolutely amazing, telling new stories with new characters whilst referencing and calling back to the games is always super fun. I absolutely love

Tangle, too. She's in my top three for sure! Major thanks to the artists over there at IDW for bringing these characters to life better than ever and inspiring me even more so to do the same! It would be pretty rad if I could be in that same spot sometime in the future.

P.S. My top three are Sonic, Shadow, and Tangle in no specific order, but Metal gets an honorable mention for being a cool, introspective, clanky fella.

Hey, Bradley! It's so awesome that you're persuing art at school. Your art is stellar. I really love the shonen influence; the Super Sonic kicks butt. Thank you for the kind words about the comic. We love to hear that people are enjoying them. Sonic, Shadow, and Tangle are absolutely some of the best characters, and lucky for you, they're all in the next issue together!





Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, another new team joins the fight!

Hey, IDW Sonic Team,

My 8-year-old daughter Lilly is obsessed with Sonic. She especially loves your *Sonic* comics and would love to provide a picture of her artwork for a future issue. Lilly had a Sonic-themed birthday and has drawn several of her own Sonic comics. She also went as Amy Rose for Halloween. Thanks again. Below is a message from Lilly:

My favorite characters from *Sonic the Hedgehog* are Sonic, Knuckles, Surge, Tails, Shadow, Silver, Metal Sonic, Tangle, and Whisper. So long, Sonic Squad. And a happy new year.

Thanks,
Hunter and Lilly

Hey, Hunter and Lilly! Thank you so much for the letter, art, and picture. Your costume is so, so cute! I bet everyone at school loved it! Also, wow your list of favorite characters is long! I'm impressed with your dedication. I think your next comic should be a crossover of all your favorite characters. Can you imagine Tangle bugging Shadow? It would be so funny. Keep being way past awesome!





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